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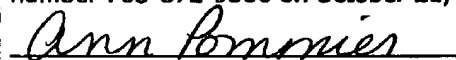
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Martin Shum et al.**Serial No.:** 09/689,248**Filing Date:** October 11, 2000**Title:** METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
ENGINEERING DISCOVERY**Docket #:** 20528-11**Group Art Unit:** 2121**Examiner:** Michael B. HolmesMail Stop Amendment
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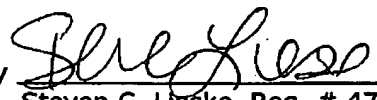
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time to respond to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 22, 2004. The original time for response was set to expire July 22, 2004.

Should any additional fees be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or to credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Reference #20528-11).

Respectfully submitted,

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